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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: 27TH ANNUAL MEETING, INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION (IWC),
JUNE 23-27, LONDON

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1. EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED ON BOLLEN, FIRST ASSISTANT
SECRETARY, FISHERIES DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
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MARCH 4 TO DELIVER AND DISCUSS LETTER CONTAINING

SUBSTANCE REFTEL. BOLLEN SAID HE WAS "VERY PLEASED" THAT U.S. IS SUPPORTING "AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENT". WHILE IT WILL TAKE SOME TIME TO DEVELOP OFFICIAL GOA RESPONSE, BOLLEN OFFERED HIS "OFF THE CUFF" COMMENTS. HE OBSERVED THAT GOA, INCLUDING PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM HIMSELF, IS FULLY COMMITTED TO THE "AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENT" APPROACH AND CAN SEE NO POSSIBILITY GOA WOULD SUPPORT TEN-YEAR MORATORIUM PROPOSAL. BOLLEN VOLUNTEERED THAT HE PERSONALLY WOULD BE MOST CONCERNED IF U.S. AGAIN PROPOSES MORATORIUM AS THAT WOULD JEOPARDIZE POSSIBLE SUCCESS OF "AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENT". HE ALSO EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT GOA WOULD LOBBY ACTIVELY FOR "AUSTRALIAN AMENDMENT", ALTHOUGH ITS POSITION IN FAVOR OF IT IS WELL KNOWN. BASED ON HIS RECENT TALKS IN TOKYO AND EARLIER CONTACTS WITH SOVIETS, BOLLEN SAID HE IS QUITE OPTIMISTIC THAT JAPANESE AND RUSSIANS WILL SUPPORT IMPLEMENTATION OF "AUSTRALIAN AMNDMENT" AT LONDON.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: SINCE BOLLEN'S VIEWS ALMOST ASSUREDLY WILL BECOME GOA FINAL POSITION, EMBASSY ASSUMES WE CAN ACCEPT HIS COMMENTS AS AUTHORITATIVE. NEVERTHELESS EMBASSY WILL REPORT OFFICIAL RESPONSE WHEN RECEIVED.
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